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SUBJECT: TURKISH CONSULATE IN MOSUL MUST PROVIDE ITS OWN
SECURITY

Classified By: DCM David Satterfield for reasons 1.4 (B) and (D).

¶1. (C) The Turkish delegation led by Avni Botsali sent to evaluate sites for a new Turkish Consulate in Mosul (reftel) completed its visit and departed on February 18. Botsali, the Consul-General-designate, had hoped to come to Mosul, check the lay of the land, rent some property, and make it ready for a new consulate within six weeks. We believe he has realized that the process will be more complicated than that. Having come with inadequate vehicles, the delegation traveled with Strykers to meetings with local officials and to view potential sites (NOTE: Thanks to the generosity of MNF-I GEN Rife and the team at Camp Courage. END NOTE.)

¶2. (C) Embassy Baghdad suggests that the Department and Embassy Ankara (a) reiterate with Turkish authorities that Avni Botsali should keep Embassy Baghdad and the Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) in Mosul informed about his plans and (b) reinforce the need for the Turks to make a sober assessment of their security requirements. Our PRT office in Mosul will work closely with them, but the Turks ultimately will have to depend on their own resources. Our Mosul PRT cannot provide the level of security protection that Avni Botsali enjoyed during his visit. The GOT will have to make some tough calculations about whether they can secure a consulate on their own.
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